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Letter of Record on Cooperation
in Forest Science, Technology and Management
Between
the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture
and
the Ministry of Forestry, People's Republic of China

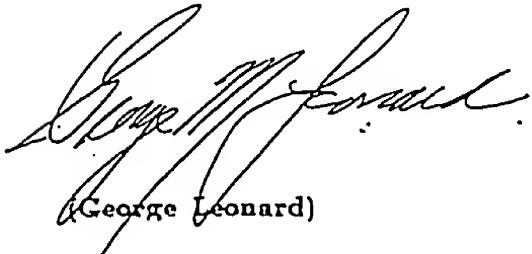
During a visit to China of a Forest Service delegation led by Associate Chief George Leonard in June 1992, discussions were held with the officials of Ministry of Forestry PRC, which resulted in an intention concerning US-PRC cooperation in forestry. It was agreed that it could be of mutual benefit to promote cooperation in forest science, technology and management, and that contacts between organizations and institutions of all types in these fields should be facilitated.

It was agreed that a reciprocal visit to the United States by the Ministry of Forestry would be made within a year for developing a program of exchange on Forest Science, Technology and Management between US and PRC. A record of such program to be signed by senior officials of USDA Forest Service and Ministry of Forestry PRC would specify the scope and form of cooperation, the principles of cost sharing and other related matters.

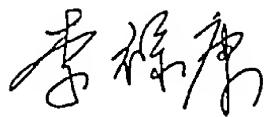
This letter is prepared in English and Chinese and signed in Beijing, China, 26 June 1992.

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**Letter of Record on Discussions of
Forestry Cooperation
Between
The Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture
and
The Ministry of Forestry, The People's Republic of China.**

Upon the invitation of the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America, Mr. Xu Youfang, Minister of Forestry of the People's Republic of China, paid an official visit to the United States of America, September 12-19, 1993. Issues regarding bilateral cooperation in the field of forestry were discussed during the talks between the two sides in an atmosphere of understanding and friendship. The record of discussions follows:

It was agreed that, based on equality, mutual benefit and reciprocity, the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture of the United States of America (hereinafter referred to as the USFS) and the Ministry of Forestry of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as MOFPRC) would continue cooperation in forestry matters, begun under the Understanding on Agricultural Exchange between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China, on the following basis:

I. Areas of cooperation and exchange may include but are not restricted to:

- (1) Tree improvement and afforestation/reforestation;
- (2) Integrated utilization of wood;
- (3) Forest management, including forest inventory and remote sensing;
- (4) Forest protection, including forest fire control and biological and chemical control of forest pests and diseases;
- (5) Environmental issues related to the management of forest resources;
- (6) Forestry equipment and machinery;
- (7) Forestry policies and laws.

II. Cooperation may be implemented by:

- (1) Exchange of information, publications and other relevant documents on forest science and technology;
- (2) Exchange of tree seeds, seedlings, genetic and biological materials;
- (3) Exchange visits of specialists;
- (4) Technical consultations;
- (5) Exchange of relevant statistical information on the supply and demand of forest products within the two countries;
- (6) Facilitation of contacts between the forestry sectors of the two countries;
- (7) Implementation of co-operative research, joint surveys, and technical seminars.

III. The coordinating units for cooperation will be the Office of International Forestry of the USFS and the Department of Foreign Affairs of the MOFPRC.

- IV. Individuals in the governmental and private sectors may be identified by the coordinating units to participate in cooperative activities of exchange in the areas of interest in line with Items I and II.
- V. The coordinating units will discuss and decide programs of cooperation primarily through correspondence. Coordination meetings, if deemed necessary, would be arranged between the coordinating units by mutual consent.
- VI. Bearing in mind the general principle of reciprocity, the executing agencies may provide to each other, as appropriate, information and materials identified in Item II. When teams are exchanged on a reciprocal basis, the host country will pay in-country costs; and that when the exchange is not reciprocal, the sending country will pay all costs. Other financial arrangements may be adopted by agreement.
- VII. Participation in cooperation by either party is non-binding and the level of each party's participation will depend on availability of appropriations and other resources.

This record is done in duplicate, signed in Washington, D.C. on September 16, 1993.

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Organization Chart of the Ministry of Forestry

